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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The Acting CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1336

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Chairman, on Thursday, January 17, 2008. I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 12 through 13. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

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On rollcall vote No. 12, the Waters Amendment to H.R. 3524, the HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007, I would have voted "ave."

On rollcall vote No. 13, the Neugebauer Amendment to H.R. 3524, the HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007, I . would have voted "aye."

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. SESSIONS

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SES-SIONS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 186, noes 221, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 14] AYES-186

Aderholt Ferguson McKeon Flake Akin McMorris Alexander Fortenberry Rodgers Bachmann Fortuño Mica Miller (FL) Bachus Foxx Barrett (SC) Franks (AZ) Miller (MI) Bartlett (MD) Frelinghuysen Moran (KS) Barton (TX) Gallegly Murphy, Tim Garrett (NJ) Biggert Musgrave Bilbray Gerlach Myrick **Bilirakis** Gilchrest Neugebauer Bishop (UT) Gingrey Nunes Blackburn Gohmert Pearce Blunt. Goode Pence Goodlatte Peterson (PA) Bonner Bono Mack Granger Petri Boozman Graves Pickering Hall (TX) Boustany Pitts Brady (TX) Hastings (WA) Platts Broun (GA) Haves Poe Brown-Waite, Porter Heller Ginny Hensarling Price (GA) Buchanan Herger Prvce (OH) Hoekstra Burgess Putnam Burton (IN) Hulshof Ramstad Inglis (SC) Buver Regula Rehberg Calvert Issa Camp (MI) Johnson (IL) Reichert Campbell (CA) Johnson, Sam Renzi Jones (NC) Reynolds Cannon Cantor Jordan Rogers (AL) Capito Keller Rogers (KY) King (IA) Carney Rogers (MI) Carter King (NY) Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Castle Kirk Kline (MN) Chabot Roskam Coble Knollenberg Royce Cole (OK) Kuhl (NY) Ryan (WI) Conaway LaHood Sali Crenshaw Lamborn Saxton Cubin Sensenbrenner Latham Culberson LaTourette Sessions Davis (KY) Latta Shadegg Lewis (CA) Davis, David Shays Davis, Tom Linder Shuster LoBiondo Dent Simpson Diaz-Balart, L. Smith (NE) Lucas Diaz-Balart, M. Lungren, Daniel Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Doolittle E. Mack Drake Souder Dreier Manzullo Stearns Sullivan Duncan Marchant Ehlers McCarthy (CA) Tancredo Emerson McCaul (TX) McCotter Terry Thornberry English (PA) McCrery Everett Tiahrt

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Wilson (SC) Wittman (VA) Wolf Young (AK) Young (FL)

Norton Oberstar Obey Olver Ortiz Pallone Pascrell Pastor Payne Perlmutter Peterson (MN) Pomeroy Price (NC) Rahall Rangel Reyes Richardson Rodriguez Ross Rothman Roybal-Allard Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (OH) Salazar Sánchez Linda T. Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schwartz Scott (GA) Scott (VA) Serrano Sestak Shea-Porter Shuler Sires Skelton Slaughter Smith (WA) Snyder Solis Space Spratt Stark Stupak Sutton Tanner Tauscher Taylor Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tierney Towns Tsongas Udall (CO) Udall (NM) Van Hollen Velázquez Walz (MN) Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Watt Waxman Weiner Welch (VT) Wexler Wilson (OH)

NOT VOTING-

Faleomavaega Ackerman Paul Baca Radanovich Forbes Baker Fossella Schmidt Berkley Hobson Sherman Berry Hunter Shimkus Boehner Jefferson Visclosky Brown (SC) Kingston Wu Davis (IL) Lantos Wynn Lewis (KY) Deal (GA) Delahunt Miller, Gary

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The Acting CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. KING OF IOWA

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

Clerk will redesignate The amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 136, noes 268, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 15] AYES-136

Aderholt Fortenberry Moran (KS) Akin Musgrave Foxx Franks (AZ) Bachmann Myrick Bachus Frelinghuysen Neugebauer Barrett (SC) Gallegly Nunes Garrett (NJ) Bartlett (MD) Pearce Barton (TX) Gingrey Pence Bilbray Bilirakis Gohmert Peterson (PA) Goode Pickering Bishop (UT) Goodlatte Blackburn Granger Hall (TX) Platts Bonner Poe Bono Mack Hastings (WA) Price (GA) Hayes Hensarling Pryce (OH) Putnam Boozman Boustany Brady (TX) Radanovich Herger Broun (GA) Hoekstra Ramstad Rogers (AL) Buchanan Hulshof Burgess Inglis (SC) Rogers (KY) Buver Issa. Rogers (MI) Calvert Johnson, Sam Rohrabacher Camp (MI) Jones (NC) Royce Campbell (CA) Jordan Sali Sensenbrenner Cannon Keller King (IA) Sessions Cantor Kline (MN) Carter Shadegg Knollenberg Chabot Shuster Coble Cole (OK) Lamborn Simpson Smith (NE) Latham Conaway Smith (TX) Crenshaw Linder Souder Cubin Lucas Stearns Culberson Lungren, Daniel Sullivan Davis (KY) Tancredo \mathbf{E} Davis, David Mack Terry Davis, Tom Manzullo Thornberry Dent. Marchant Tia.hrt. Doolittle McCarthy (CA) Walberg Drake McCaul (TX) Wamp Weldon (FL) Dreier McCrerv McHenry Westmoreland Duncan Ehlers McKeon Wilson (NM) Everett McMorris Wilson (SC) Rodgers Wittman (VA) Fallin Wolf Miller (FL) Young (FL) Flake

NOES-268

Abercrombie Bishop (GA) Brown-Waite, Ackerman Bishop (NY) Ginny Butterfield Alexander Blumenauer Allen Blunt Capito Altmire Bordallo Capps Andrews Capuano Boren Arcuri Carnahan Boswell Baird Carney Boucher Baldwin Castle Boyd (FL) Barrow Castor Boyda (KS) Chandler Bean Brady (PA) Becerra Christensen Braley (IA) Berman Clarke Brown, Corrine Clay Biggert

Kennedy Reichert Cleaver Clyburn Kildee Renzi Cohen Kilpatrick Reyes Convers Kind Revnolds Richardson King (NY) Cooper Costa Kirk Rodriguez Klein (FL) Costello Ros-Lehtinen Courtney Kucinich Roskam Cramer Kuhl (NY) Ross Rothman Crowley LaHood Roybal-Allard Cuellar Lampson Cummings Langevin Ruppersberger Larsen (WA) Rush Davis (AL) Ryan (OH) Davis (CA) Larson (CT) Davis, Lincoln LaTourette Rvan (WI) DeFazio Salazar Lee Sánchez, Linda DeGette Levin Lewis (CA) DeLauro т Diaz-Balart, L. Lewis (GA) Sanchez, Loretta Diaz-Balart, M. Lipinski Sarbanes Dicks LoBiondo Saxton Schakowsky Dingell Loebsack Lofgren, Zoe Schiff Doggett Donnelly Lowey Schwartz Doyle Lynch Scott (GA) Edwards Mahoney (FL) Scott (VA) Ellison Malonev (NY) Serrano Ellsworth Markey Sestak Shays Shea-Porter Emanuel Marshall Matheson Emerson Engel Matsui Shuler English (PA) McCarthy (NY) Sires Skelton McCollum (MN) Eshoo Etheridge McCotter Slaughter McDermott Farr Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) McGovern Ferguson Filner McHugh Snyder Fortuño McIntyre Solis Frank (MA) McNernev Space McNulty Gerlach Spratt Giffords Meek (FL) Stark Gilchrest Meeks (NY) Stupak Gillibrand Melancon Sutton Gonzalez Michaud Tanner Miller (MI) Gordon Tauscher Miller (NC) Graves Taylor Green, Al Thompson (CA) Miller, George Green, Gene Mitchell Thompson (MS) Grijalva Mollohan Tiberi Moore (KS) Gutierrez Tiernev Hall (NY) Moore (WI) Towns Hare Moran (VA) Tsongas Harman Murphy (CT) Turner Hastings (FL) Murphy, Patrick Udall (CO) Herseth Sandlin Murphy, Tim Udall (NM) Higgins Murtha Upton Hill Nadler Van Hollen Velázquez Walden (OR) Hinchey Napolitano Neal (MA) Hinojosa Norton Walsh (NY) Hirono Hodes Oberstar Walz (MN) Holden Obey Wasserman Holt Olver Schultz Honda Ortiz Waters

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Johnson, E. B.

(TX)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The Acting CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MRS. CAPITO

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aves 169, noes 240, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 16]

AYES-169

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Aderholt	Frelinghuysen	Nunes	
Akin	Gallegly	Pearce	
Alexander	Garrett (NJ)	Pence	
Bachmann	Gerlach	Peterson (PA)	
Bachus	Gingrey	Petri	
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pickering	
Barrow	Goode	Pitts	
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Poe	
Biggert	Granger	Porter	
Bilirakis	Graves	Price (GA)	
Bishop (UT)	Hall (TX)	Pryce (OH)	
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Putnam	
Blunt	Hayes	Radanovich	
Bonner	Heller	Rahall	
Bono Mack	Hensarling		
Boozman	Herger	Regula	
Boustany	Hoekstra	Rehberg	
Brady (TX)	Hulshof	Renzi	
Broun (GA)	Issa	Reynolds	
Brown-Waite,	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (AL)	
Ginny	Jones (NC)	Rogers (KY)	
Buchanan	Jordan	Rogers (MI)	
Burgess	Keller	Rohrabacher	
Burton (IN)	King (IA)	Roskam	
Buyer	King (NY)	Royce	
Calvert	Kline (MN)	Ryan (WI)	
Camp (MI)	Knollenberg	Sali	
Campbell (CA)	LaHood	Saxton	
Cannon	Lamborn	Sensenbrenner	
Cantor	Lampson	Sessions	
Capito	Latham	Shadegg	
Carter	LaTourette	Shays	
Castle	Latta		
Chabot	Lewis (CA)	Shuster	
Coble	Linder	Simpson	
Cole (OK)	Lucas	Smith (NE)	
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (TX)	
Crenshaw	E.	Souder	
Cubin	Mack	Stearns	
Culberson	Manzullo	Sullivan	
Davis (KY)	Marchant	Tancredo	
Davis, David	McCarthy (CA)	Terry	
Dent Dent	McCaul (TX)	Thornberry	
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCotter	Tiahrt	
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCrery	Tiberi	
Doolittle	McHenry	Turner	
Drake	McKeon	Walberg	
Dreier	McMorris	Walden (OR)	
Duncan	Rodgers	Wamp	
Emerson	Mica	Weller	
English (PA)	Michaud	Westmoreland	
Everett	Miller (FL)	Whitfield (KY)	
Fallin	Miller (MI)	Wilson (NM)	
Ferguson	Moran (KS)	Wilson (SC)	
Flake	Murphy, Tim	Wittman (VA)	
Fortenberry	Musgrave	Wolf	
Foxx	Myrick	Young (AK)	
		Young (FL)	
Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer	Toung (FL)	
NOES—240			
Abercrombie	Baird	Bilbray	

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NOT VOTING—26

Baca Faleomavaega Lewis (KY) Baker Feeney Miller, Garv Berklev Forbes Paul Fossella Berry Schmidt Boehner Hobson Sherman Brown (SC) Hunter Shimkus Davis (IL) Jefferson Visclosky Deal (GA) Kingston Wu

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN
The Acting CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. LoBIONDO changed his vote from "ave" to "no."

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. Stated for:

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 16 for the Capito amendment to H.R. 3524 I voted "no" but my intent was to vote "aye". I ask that the official RECORD reflect that my intent was to vote "aye" on the Capito amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Pastor) having assumed the chair, Mr. HOLDEN, Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3524) to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 922, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I offer a

motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. GRAVES. Yes, sir, in its current form, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Graves moves to recommit the bill H.R. 3524 to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following instructions:

In clause (xiii) of paragraph (2)(C) of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment made by section 7(a) of the bill, strike "individuals who are not ineligible" and all that follows through the end of the clause and insert the following: "households consisting of or including an individual who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of not less than 90 days and who was discharged or released from such duty under conditions other than dishonorable. For purposes of this clause, the term 'families whose housing needs are difficult to fulfill' shall not include any individuals, or any categories of individuals, who have been released from a prison, jail, or other correctional facility of the Federal Government, a State government, or a

unit of general local government, notwithstanding whether such individuals are not ineligible for occupancy in public housing pursuant to subsection (m)(2), have not been arrested for or charged with any crime during any specific period, or are individuals for whom housing is a critical need.".

Mr. GRAVES (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the motion be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, the Republican motion to recommit on this legislation is as straightforward as it is reasonable. All you have to do is read it and see exactly what it does. As written, it would simply amend the legislation forthwith to give greater priority for housing decisions under the HOPE VI program to give men and women who have served our country on the battlefield rather than men and women who have acted in violation of our laws.

Mr. Speaker, under current law, public housing authorities may use discretion when determining whether or not it is in the interest of the community to provide public housing to certain felons, including those convicted of drug-related criminal offenses. This bill under consideration on the floor, however, incentivizes public housing authorities when applying for HOPE VI grant funding to give convicted felons preferential treatment.

There is absolutely, absolutely no reason why we should be encouraging local public housing authorities to place convicted felons at the head of the line, especially when so many, so many of the American veterans live today without adequate housing. We should be encouraging public housing authorities to assist these men and women first and foremost and in a manner that recognizes their tremendous service to this country.

Veterans have acute housing needs, Mr. Speaker. According to the most recent Veterans Affairs reports, there are over 310,000 homeless veterans. The frustrating part about this is we are talking about our veterans. These are people that served our country, were willing to give their lives for our country, and I think they deserve to be heard on this bill.

The National Association to End Homelessness estimates that veterans represent roughly a quarter of all homeless people in America. My home State of Missouri has an estimated 4,800 homeless veterans and ranks fourth in the Nation of the highest percentage of veterans that are homeless, according to a recent report.

Mr. Speaker, I can talk about figures all day long; I can go on and on about this and that. The bottom line is we are talking about veterans. These are

men and women who have served their country, and they served their country with great distinction. They are willing to put their lives on the line, and now they aren't at the front of the list? We would put somebody who has knowingly, knowingly violated our laws ahead of somebody who has stood up for this Nation?

To me, Mr. Speaker, it's very frustrating. The motion to recommit includes veterans in the category of those considered hard to house. It helps address the pressing housing needs of America's past and present heroes, Mr. Speaker.

There are some out there, Mr. Speaker, that hold our veterans in contempt. That is a fact. There are some that do it, but I don't, and we don't. We don't hold our veterans in contempt, Mr. Speaker, and they should be at the front of the line.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation, because that is what it does. Towards that end, I encourage every one of us, every one of us in this Chamber to support this motion so that men and women who step forward in the service of our country and in defense of our freedom and in defense of that flag, Mr. Speaker, are the ones given preferential treatment. They should be the ones getting preferential treatment, not folks who have violated our laws. If there is any preferential treatment to be given, it ought to be given to those folks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I am suffering a little disorientation because I didn't get the anti-immigration amendment. So I hope the gentleman from Georgia isn't ill and was not, therefore, able to present it.

On this amendment, I congratulate the minority. They make a reasonable point. Yes, I think that we should have included the veterans. To that extent, I think this is worth supporting. I do not understand why this has to come at the expense of people who had committed an offense and have come out. I had thought there was these days some sense that rehabilitation was a goal. As the gentlewoman from California will explain, we are talking about a very narrow category of ex-offenders. We certainly don't believe that when you come out of prison, you ought to then become homeless if you have otherwise satisfied society's reasonable demands. But I do not oppose this because, I agree, we should be including the veterans.

I will say this. What this does is two things: it says include the veterans, but then excludes people who have been sentenced, served a term, et cetera, and have shown that they met all these conditions. We will be going forward with this bill with the Senate, and there is no need to put these two issues against each other. So I believe that we can accept this with full support then for the veterans, but then not have the other issue foreclosed. I would ask the gentleman, I will yield to him, if he would clarify this.

Sadly, one of the problems we have had with some veterans, because of problems that were created, some veterans have committed offenses. I would ask the gentleman, what about a veteran, and this has two parts, yes to veterans, no to people who are ex-offenders. I would ask the gentleman: How should the housing authority on this treat a veteran ex-offender, assuming again it was an honorable discharge. Someone who was honorably discharged, later got into some trouble, completed all the term, et cetera, how should the housing authority under this deal with a veteran who's an ex-offender?

And I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I was having a hard time hearing what the gentleman was saying.

Mr. Speaker, we are after the veteran here. They will take precedence.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I take back my time to repose the question. I am sorry the gentleman had trouble hearing me. He may not be sorry he had trouble hearing me, but now I will try to be more clear. We say in this "preference for veterans." We agree with that. But it also denies that, not preference, but listing in this category for ex-offenders. What does the housing authority do if a veteran who was an ex-offender who has served his or her term, satisfied all the conditions, how do you treat under this amendment a veteran who's an ex-offender?

I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, it's going to give preference to that veteran. If they are a veteran, then they are going to get it. Vote for the motion and show the support for the veterans.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry the gentleman doesn't want to answer the question. I still don't understand. It seems to me the housing authority is entitled to guidance. What do you do if it's a veteran who's an ex-offender?

I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, they can still receive assistance; they won't get preferential treatment. Support the veterans.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has got that mantra that he keeps repeating. He can send out a taped phone call with that and not take up our time.

We are, I assume, going to back this, but I think there is this ambiguity. So I will have to say we will have to deal with this further. I would not want to give to the veterans with one hand what you might take away with an-

other one. We do know some veterans, not entirely through their fault, given the conditions in which they serve, problems that occur, some of them become offenders. So we will deal with that going forward, and I would assume people would want to vote for this because we should have included veterans. But I will say, especially after my inability to get an answer, the question of ex-offenders will remain an open question and we'll have to deal with that going forward.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of passage.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 372, noes 28, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 17] AYES—372

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised minute remains.

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California and Messrs. THOMPSON of California, RUSH. BUTTERFIELD and MEEKS of New York changed their vote from "no" to

So the motion to recommit was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the instructions of the House in the motion to recommit, I report the bill, H.R. 3524, back to the House with an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. Frank of Massachusetts:

In clause (xiii) of paragraph (2)(C) of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment made by section 7(a) of the bill, strike "individuals who are not ineligible" and all that follows through the end of the clause and insert the following: "households consisting of or including an individual who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of not less than 90 days and who was discharged or released from such duty under conditions other than dishonorable. For purposes of this clause, the term 'families whose housing needs are difficult to fulfill' shall not include any individuals, or any categories of individuals, who have been released from a prison, jail, or other correctional facility of the Federal Government, a State government, or a unit of general local government, notwithstanding whether such individuals are not ineligible for occupancy in public housing pursuant to subsection (m)(2), have not been arrested for or charged with any crime during any specific period, or are individuals for whom housing is a critical need."

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken: and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 271, noes 130, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 18] AYES-271

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for today's floor votes due to personal business. If I were present I would have voted "aye" on Final Passage of H.R. 3524, the HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007.

Stated against:

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 18 for final passage to H.R. 3524 I voted "aye" but my intent was to vote "no." I ask that the official RECORD reflect that my intent was to vote "no" on final passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 17, I was unable to vote on rollcall votes Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 due to unavoidable circumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16; and "aye" on rollcall votes Nos. 12, 17, and 18.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 3524, HOPE VI IMPROVEMENT AND REAU-THORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 3524, include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 760

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 760.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on yesterday, January 16, in the rollcall vote No. 11, H.R. 4986, the defense authorization bill.

If I had been present, because of the continued support of the Iraq war, I would have voted "no."

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

Mr. BLUNT. I yield to my friend from Maryland, the majority leader, to inquire about next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the distinguished Republican whip for yielding.

On Monday, the House will not be in session, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, which was on January 15, but will be celebrated and honored on Monday.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. A list of those bills, as is the normal course, will be announced by the close of business tomorrow. On Wednesday, we will also take up the President's veto of the children's health insurance legislation.

The House will not be in session on Thursday or Friday. The minority party is having its conference at that point in time, as we will have the following week.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for that information. And we are having a short week next week because of the Republican planning retreat and a short week the next week because of the majority's planning retreat.

With those two short weeks, I know that the FISA legislation that had a bipartisan extension in the very first days of August expires February 1. That is just 2 weeks from now; it is about 4 or 5 working days. Given that deadline, I wonder if we could expect the House to consider some extension during that 2-week period of time, and if the gentleman has any sense yet as to what extension the majority might propose.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his question. As he and I have discussed and as he knows, I am disappointed that we are not in conference on the FISA bill. The Senate has not yet passed its version of the FISA bill. As you know, we passed the FISA bill in December. I think it was early December, as a matter of fact. And we understand that the legislation we passed last August has an expiration date of February 1 and that, therefore, we will either be acting under the old law, an extended law, or a revision that we might pass.

The leader of the Senate, Harry Reid, has talked about perhaps a 30-day extension. I have not talked to him about that personally, but I know that they are considering that. I also know that it is the Senate's intention to address this issue upon their return next week. As you know, they will be in most of the week next week, I think, so we will have to see probably the end of next week where the other body is so that we might better judge where we need to be.

Mr. BLUNT. I look forward to talking to my friend during the week next week and at the end of next week at this same opportunity about that if we don't yet quite know where we are. But I appreciate that, and I know we are both going to keep a close eye on that. This is an important law, and my belief is that everyone involved would rather have a long-term solution as another short-term solution, but it does appear at least possible if not likely that a short-term solution might have to be part of what happens here before we get to a conference.

On the DOD authorization bill that we passed by working together this week to solve a problem, does the majority leader have any sense as to whether that bill that we sent over originally will be back on the floor at any time, or if there will be any provisions? I have heard some discussion that there might be those among our Members who would like to vote on just the passage that created a problem, and I am wondering if you have any thoughts on how to deal with that bill. The authorization bill we replaced is still out there, but it would be my impression that it is not coming back in any form, and I am wanting some verification on that.

Mr. HOYER. First of all. I share the gentleman's view, and my expectation is that the authorization bill we passed yesterday will be passed by the Senate as was passed here. Because, as you